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1. BELGIAN PRESS APRIL 9 NOTES EUROPEAN RESERVED ATTITUDE ON SIGNIFICANCE OF TALKS AND FRENCH FRUSTRATION, BUT CITES PRESIDENT'S DEMONSTRATION OF HIS AUTHORITY AS LEADER IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.
2. INFLUENTIAL CONSERVATIVE CATHOLIC "LA LIBRE BELGIQUE", IN ARTICLE HEADED "SCEPTICISM IN EUROPE ON MEANING OF MR. NIXON'S TALKS IN PARIS", SAYS THAT BLOCKING THE OUTLINING OF ATLANTIC CHARTER ...THERE ARE TWO GREAT UNKNOWNNS: POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY IN FRANCE AFTER MR. POMPIDOU'S DEATH AND CONSEQUENCES OF POLITICAL INTENTIONS OF WILSON'S NEW LABOR GOVERNMENT. ALL THESE ELEMENTS AND UNCERTAINTIES EXPLAIN VERY RESERVED ATTITUDE ADOPTED IN BRUSSELS DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES ON CHANCES OF SUCCESS OF A REACTIVATION OF AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC AMBITIONS."

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3. FINANCIAL "L'ECHO DE LA BOURSE" WRITES THAT "FRENCH

GOVERNMENT, UPSET BY SUDDEN DEATH OF ITS CHIEF WHO ALSO EMBODIED GAULLISM, CANNOT BUT REACT TO RAPID PACE OF U.S. PRESIDENT, WHO SHOWS ON EVERY OCCASION THAT, DESPITE HIS WATERGATE TROUBLES AND TAX DIFFICULTIES, HE CONTINUES TO PLAY A DECISIVE ROLE IN WORLD RELATIONS. PENDING THE ONE OFFICIALLY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE, THE EAST-WEST MINI-SUMMIT OF PARIS HAS IN ANY CASE DEMONSTRATED THAT MR. NIXON REMAINS VALID INTERLOCUTOR FOR MOSCOW. ANOTHER REASON FOR FRENCH IRRITATION WAS THAT AMERICAN DIPLOMACY CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD WHILE EUROPE IS MORE PARALYSED THAN EVER."

4. CATHOLIC "DE NIEUWE GIDS" WRITES THAT "FOR NIXON THIS LITTLE TRIP TO PARIS HAS BEEN STROKE OF GOOD LUCK. IT GOT HIM FOR ONCE OUT OF SHADOW OF WATERGATE SCANDAL AND OF HIS SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, WHO WAS BEGINNING TO SEEM LIKE AMERICAN CHIEF OF STATE. NIXON HAS BEEN HIS OWN SECRETARY OF STATE." BOOCHEVER

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